

CURRENT NET ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Don McLain/KB8RAD (Friday, [January 4, 2013](#))

CMARC MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the “Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club” will be on Friday, [January 11th](#) at 7:30pm in the Salvation Army building, which is located at 701 W. Jolly Road in Lansing. The program for January will be a presentation by Tom Carpenter/KI8AS of the Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association in Corunna. Tom will give us an overview of “D-Star”—what it is, what it does, how to use it, what equipment is involved, etc. As always, we are sure to have a great time at the meeting so come on out with your family and friends! By the way, the January meeting is also a great time to renew your membership for the New Year!! For more information about this meeting or anything else Club-related, you can check out our website at www.centralmiarc.com, or just get a hold of our Club contact Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812 or KB8RAD@arrl.net. See you ALL there!!

VE EXAMS

The next testing session of the “Ingham County VE Group” will be on Saturday, [January 12th](#) at the Ingham County Sheriff's Office in Mason. The exams will be given in the Sgt. Paul Cole Training Room and registration starts at 11:00am. Walk-ins are always welcome! If you need assistance you can check out the CMARC website at www.centralmiarc.com to find travel directions and what to bring, or you can just get a hold of VE Team Contact Person Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812 or KB8RAD@arrl.net

LCDRA MEETING

The next quarterly meeting of the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association is on Thursday, [January 17th](#) at 7:00pm and will be held at Lansing Fire Station #8 on the corner of Marshall Street and Grand River Avenue in Lansing. If you want to get the latest information about our local repeaters, get it “straight from the horse's mouth” and not secondhand! Come on out and join us for this next meeting—you'll be glad you did!

ARPSC MEETING

There will not be a REGULAR meeting of the “Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps” for the month of January. However, there will be a TRAINING meeting on [January 21st](#) which will be at Lansing Fire Station #8, on the corner of Marshall Street and Grand River Avenue in Lansing. The training will be on “WebEOC”, which will be replacing “ETeam”. In WebEOC, there is a portion on RACES, so it may be of interest to ARPSC members. This meeting will start at 6PM and last about 3 hours. All are welcome to attend. Please check out our website at www.lansingarpsc.com/ for the dates and locations of future meetings. As always, membership in the ARPSC is NOT required for attendance, so please feel free to join us at any session—and bring along a friend!

HAMFESTS

Date: Sunday, [January 20](#), 2013 - Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club's 47th Annual Hamfest
Location: Hazel Park, MI.
Sponsor: Hazel Park Amateur Radio Club
Website: www.hparc.org

Date: Sunday, [February 17](#), 2013 - Livonia Amateur Radio Club's 42nd Annual Hamfest
Location: Livonia, MI
Sponsor: Livonia Amateur Radio Club
Website: www.livoniaarc.com/swap.htm

Date: Saturday, [March 16](#), 2013 - SMARS's 53rd Annual Marshall Hamfest (Michigan Crossroads)
Location: Marshall, MI
Sponsor: Southern Michigan Amateur Radio Society
Website: www.w8df.com/

RAD's COFFEE BREAK

Looking for something FUN to do on a Saturday night with your fellow Hams and their families? Well, "RAD's Coffee Break" is the place to be! It's a "family friendly", Ham Radio-related get-together that's fun for **EVERYBODY**. "RAD's" has met EVERY Saturday night without fail for FIVE YEARS (since June 30, 2007) and has seen as many as 55 in attendance!! Guests begin arriving around 7pm at Denny's Restaurant, 7330 W. Saginaw Highway on the West side of Lansing. It's just down the road from the Lansing Mall (out by Horrock's Farm Market), and you can easily get there by taking I-96 Exit 93B. An all-night commitment is NOT required—you can come and go as you please—and you DON'T have to belong to a particular Club to join in on the fun, either. As Don, KB8 "RAD" likes to say, "If you're a HAM, related to a HAM, wanna be a HAM, or just like to eat HAM...EVERYONE'S welcome at RAD's Coffee Break!!"

THE BREAKFAST CLUB NET

"The Breakfast Club Net" meets EVERY weekday morning from 7am to around 1:00pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD. This Net has been around now for well over THREE YEARS (since September 24, 2009) and usually averages around 95+ check-ins per morning, but the NEW all-time record is 113 people in one morning's Net (and that's NOT counting rechecks)!! So, if YOU are getting bored with just listening to Broadcast Radio during the morning commute, come and see what all the commotion's about—join Don and the rest of the gang every weekday morning on "The Breakfast Club Net"! They'll not only wake you up—they'll put a smile on your face, too! And thanks to Daniel Burk/NE8K, EchoLink is now available each morning via the *DODROPIN* Conference Server (ID# 355800), so it's never been easier to check in and join the fun! Whether you're somewhere throughout the United States (or world), or right here in the mid-Michigan area, you can now check in from your computer or cellphone at your convenience, so stop by in the morning and say, "Hello!" While you're at it, why not join "The Breakfast Club Net" Facebook Group!! We are already 212 members strong and would love to have YOU join us!! < www.facebook.com/groups/112208875498362 >

WEEKLY NETS

(1.) The "Central Michigan Slow Scan TV Net" meets every Sunday evening from 7:00- 8:30pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Carl Canfield/K8YHH. EVERYONE is welcome to join in and have fun learning and using this interesting and useful mode of communication. Other digital modes will be explored from time to time. For more information, call Carl at: (517) 755-6627.

(2.) The "Lansing Area/Ingham County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps Training Net" meets on the first Monday night of the month at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz). Volunteer Net Control Operators are needed each week, as well as someone to provide Training, so if you are an ARPSC member and wish to sign up, contact Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD at (517) 694-0812.

(3.) The "Ladies Tea Time Net" meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Julie McLain/KB8ZXR, and can now also be found on the *DODROPIN* EchoLink Conference Server (ID# 355800)! Everyone is welcome to check in—even all you guys!! This Net's been around now since July 3, 2007 so let's keep it going and growing!!

(4.) The "Quarter Century Wireless Association Net" also meets every Tuesday night but at 8pm and on the 146.70 repeater (PL 107.2 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don Tillitson/WB8NUS. Be sure to stop by after Julie's Net and say "Hello!"

(5.) The "Mid-Michigan Information Net" meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Don McLain/KB8RAD. This Net has been around now since November 11, 2009 and is still growing!! Be sure to join Don for a time of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and INFORMATION!! There will be helpful Ham-related information to share from both Net Control and our check-ins, time for questions and answers, and on-the-air swapping of Ham-related equipment throughout the Net. Sounds like a good time to me!!

(6.) And finally, the "Michigan Radio Amateur Youth Net" (or MRAY) meets every Thursday night at 7pm on the 145.39 repeater (PL 100 Hz), with Net Coordinator Matt Miller/KD8OOS. In addition, EchoLink is available by searching for "KD8MJJ-R", "MRAY", or the *DODROPIN* Conference Server (ID# 355800). Although the Net specifically targets the Youth (who are the future of Ham Radio), ADULTS are welcome to check in, too!! Also, Third-Party check-ins are encouraged to join the Net as a way of introducing young people to the Hobby. In addition, EchoLink is available by searching for "KD8MJJ-R", "MRAY", or the *DODROPIN* Conference Server! So, EVERYONE be sure to check into the MRAY Net and show your support for our youth!